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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Group Art Unit 1651

In re

Patent Application of

Hassan K. Sreenath

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Examiner: Prats, Francisco Chandler

"METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUS
SACCHARIFICATION AND
FERMENTATION OF SPENT CELLULOSE
SAUSAGE CASINGS"

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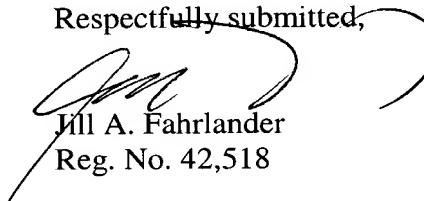
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. No additional fee is required.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2003, Applicant requests entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 6-13 without prejudice to filing a divisional application thereon.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. The Examiner has maintained and made final the restriction requirement, and acknowledged Applicant's election of Group I claims 1-5. Claims 6-13 have been withdrawn from consideration. In order to advance prosecution on the merits, Applicant has canceled claims drawn to non-elected inventions without prejudice to filing a continuation application thereon. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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